



CAMBRIDGE NEWSLETTER
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February 17, 2012

Important Dates:

- COL February 24th from 8:10-8:50am
- Come dressed as your "Favorite Book Character"
- Winter Wellness Day for 5th & 6th Graders: March 8th.
- 4th grade's Winter Wellness Days: March 15
- Winter Recess: Feb.27th-March 6th, School resumes March 7th.

(NECAP). Students in grades three through six took the reading and math portion of the test. In addition, students in grade five also took a writing portion. The content is based on Vermont's Grade Level Expectations (GLEs). Each test included a variety of types of items distributed across two or three test sessions: multiple-choice, short answer, constructed-response, and an extended writing prompt. As educators, we will continue to use state assessments as well as other measures to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses.

Last week Education Commissioner Vilaseca released statewide results to the press and made state, district and school level reports available to the public at www.education.vermont.gov. Attached you will find graphs of our 2011 school-wide and grade level results. We are pleased that certain groups of students are faring well on the NECAP. For those groups who did not perform well, we look to our classroom assessment data to ascertain if individual students are making progress. Through this analysis, we are recognizing that most of our students who require intervention are making progress with some of them no longer requiring assistance from an intervention teacher!

We will be sending individual student results home with report cards in April. You can contact Ellen Koier at school if you would like to see your child's results before that. Her extension is 347. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mary Anderson

REMINDER: Get your seed order in by February 23rd. We expect delivery after break!! All proceeds benefit our school garden program.

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Drop Off Lane Reminder

This is a reminder to all parents that the drop off lane to the right of the main entrance is intended to be a drop off lane, not a parking area between 7:30 and 7:50 a.m. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS LANE FOR ANY AMOUNT OF TIME DURING THIS DESIGNATED TIME. This allows for smoother traffic flow during this very busy time of day. Parking in front of the main entrance is also prohibited and alongside the building to the left of the main entrance. THIS IS A FIRE LANE. We have also observed that some people feel it is appropriate to park in front of the fire hydrant. This is a violation of state and federal law. If you wish to walk your child into school in the morning, kindly park your vehicle in a designated spot. Staff have been reminded to leave the first few parking spaces open to allow for additional visitor parking. Thank you for cooperation.

Cafeteria Requests

The Abbey has received some requests for parents to receive juice instead of milk with their lunch. The Abbey is only able to accommodate this request if a child has an intolerance to lactose or has a milk allergy. Please contact Becky Bryce in the cafeteria for more information.

Please do not pack glass containers in your child's lunch box as they cause a safety hazard if they fall on the floor and break.

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Results

In October of this year, as part of their efforts to comply with provisions found in the Federal "No Child Left Behind" Act, Vermont schools administered the New England Common Assessment Program

School Headlines

WHEELS ON THE BUS..

PLEASE notify Lisa Tatro (644-8821, ext. 102) if you are planning on having more children ride home on the bus to your house for parties, etc. Our busses have a limit on how many children can ride and therefore we need to know in advance if additional children will be riding.

CAMBRIDGE CONNECTIONS



The current session ends this Thursday, February 16th. New sign up forms for the March 13 – April 12 session will be sent home on Monday, February 20th. Contact

Rachel Rose with any questions. 644-8821 ext. 143 or rose@cambridge.k12.vt.us

February 20 - 24 is I Love to Read Week!

A reminder that "I Love to Read Week!" starts on February 20th. We will launch the week with an 8:15 Pep Rally with the Lamoille Union High School Varsity Club. After the assembly the high schoolers will visit classrooms to read and talk about the importance of reading. The fun continues with:

- Community Readers Wednesday: community members are invited to join us for lunch and read favorite stories to students in their classrooms after lunch.
- Red Clover Book Celebration Thursday at 1:25. Kindergarten and first grade will have a parade, second grade will present a play, and there will be a display of third and fourth grade work done in workshops earlier in the day
- Character Day on Friday: students and staff come to school dressed as a favorite book character. We'll showcase our costumes at the Celebration of Learners at 8:15 in the gym.
- Book Bingo Challenge: Students complete a bingo board for an end of the week prize.
- Rocking Chair Readers: sign up to read in the rocking chair in the lobby – may the chair be busy all week long!
- Stop, Drop & Read: students and staff will carry a book with them at all times. When we hear the announcement, we will stop whatever we are doing and read for 15 minutes.
- Mystery Reader: different staff members will share a part of their favorite story over the intercom each morning. Students love to try to guess who the reader is!

Cambridge Elementary School's Early Childhood Programs Developmental Screening &

2012/2013 Preschool Registration

Who: Community of Cambridge/Jeffersonville children (age 3 by August 31, 2012)

What: Pre-School screening and preschool registration

When: Monday, March 19th & Wednesday, March 21st

Where: Cambridge Elementary School

How: Contact Laura Miller(644-8821), **no later than March 16th**, to reserve a place for your child.

To best meet the needs of all children, we encourage all families to participate in this process. **Please come prepared with copies of child's birth certificate and an updated immunization record.** Any questions, call CES at 644-8821.

PTA

Movie Nights

Unfortunately the gym is very busy for February so our next Family Movie Night is March 23 at 6:30. This movie will be FREE admission with a 50/50 raffle to benefit our RIF (free new books for CES kids) program. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

On March 9 at 6:30 the PTA will be hosting a "Ladies Chick Flick Movie Night". Admission is to bring an appetizer or dessert to share before the show in the gym lobby. We plan to be showing "The Help" that evening and recommend that everyone bring a comfy folding chair. Any questions feel free to call 644 8724. Once again PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
Annie Rheume

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY:

ECHO LAKE AQUARIUM & SCIENCE CENTER LIBRARY PASS

CES is once again in possession of the Echo Library pass which gives a discount on entrance for up to 2 adults/3 youth. For more info on Echo and the details of the pass please visit: www.echovermont.org. The pass may be picked up in the CES front office. There is only 1 pass so it is on a first come first serve and must be returned the day after using.

CAMBRIDGE BASEBALL SIGN UP

Baseball & Softball signups for the 2012 season will be held in the CES Gym lobby on Wednesday February 22nd & Thursday February 23rd from 5pm until 6:30.

Boys and Girls ages 5-15 are eligible for age appropriate programs in T-Ball, Coach-pitch, Little League and Babe Ruth levels.

Registration fees are \$35 per child or \$55 per family. First time players must bring a copy of a birth certificate.

For questions or information, call George Goldsworthy at 644-8128.

LACROSSE SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

Lacrosse open gym for 3rd to 6th graders on Saturdays from 6-7:30pm-February 18th and March 10th at Westford Elementary School. Bring a stick, helmet and gloves (we do have some equipment available for those who are new to the sport and want to give it a try). We will warm up, do some basic drills and scrimmage. Sign-ups for Westford Rec Lacrosse will be February 18th at the clinic. Any questions? Call Tammy 872-8333 or jontamb@yahoo.com

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Preschool Story Hour: Thursdays at 9:30am. Please call 644-2117 for more info.

CHILDCARE OVER BREAK

Hi, I am going to be home for the winter break this year and I am offering childcare in my home for 3rd graders and up. We will be having fun in the snow skating and sledding etc. I only have room for 4 kids to be able to transport them to the fun stuff. Daily charge of \$25 for anytime between 7 and 6pm.

Please let me know if you are interested.

Annie Rheume: anniesingerdj@yahoo.com or 644 8724

FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP

Lamoille Family Center presents...HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN & LISTEN SO KIDS WILL TALK at the Lamoille Family Center in a 4 session series from 6-8pm on 2/21, 2/28, 3/6 and 3/13. There will be a \$12 charge for the workbook (scholarships available) and childcare is provided! For more information call 888-5229.

DISCOVER GMTCC(Green Mountain Technology and Career Center)

Stop by to meet our instructors, see our state-of-the-art facility and learn about the power of technical education on Saturday, February 18 from 10am-2pm. Intrigued but cannot attend on Saturday? Visit www.gmtcc.info

2012 VERMONT TALENT COMPETITION

Open to students ages 5-24. If you have talent this event is for you! Submit auditions via you tube by March 30th. Performance will be on April 14 at 7pm at St. Michael's College. For more information www.vermonthstalent.org. Lots of great prizes!!

Winter Tree ID and Bird Count walk

Join the Richford and Montgomery Conservation Commissions on a Snowshoe Walk to learn how to identify local tree species in winter and look for birds. Sunday, Feb 19 from 1-3pm. Snowshoes are available for those who need them. E-mail with any questions: charliehanco@gmail.com.

Lunch Menu for the week of February 20

Monday: Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday: Rotini Pasta Bake

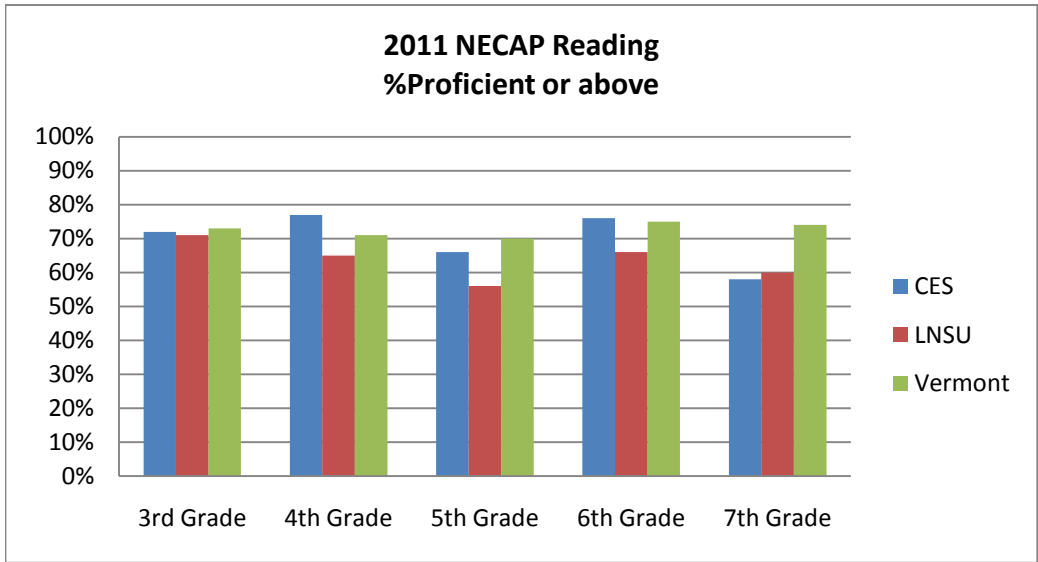
Wednesday: Cheesy breadsticks and Hearty Chicken and Vegetable Soup

Thursday: Nachos Supreme

Friday: PIZZA

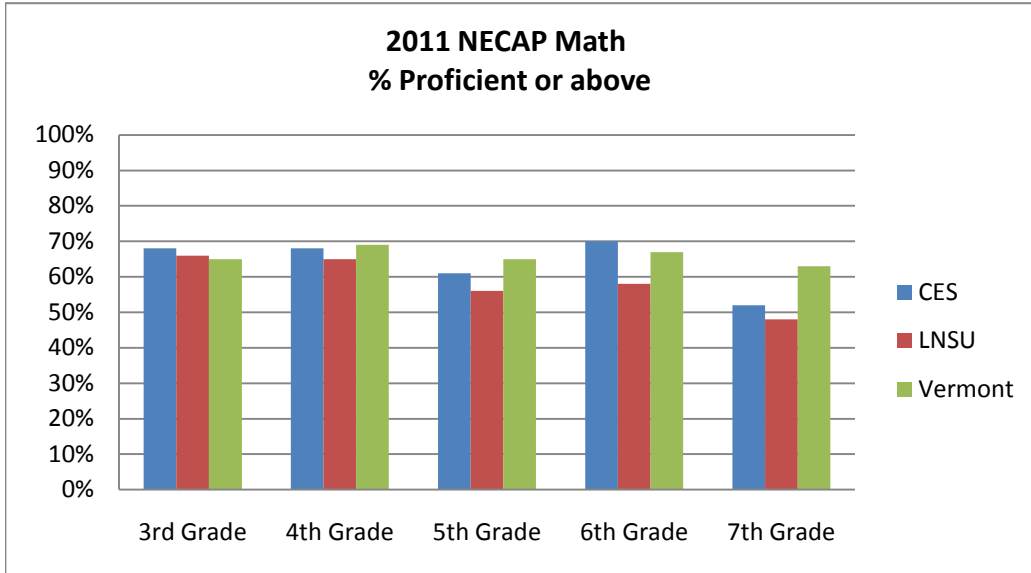
2011 NECAP Reading - Proficient or above

	CES	LNSU	Vermont
3rd Grade	72%	71%	73%
4th Grade	77%	65%	71%
5th Grade	66%	56%	70%
6th Grade	76%	66%	75%
7th Grade	58%	60%	74%



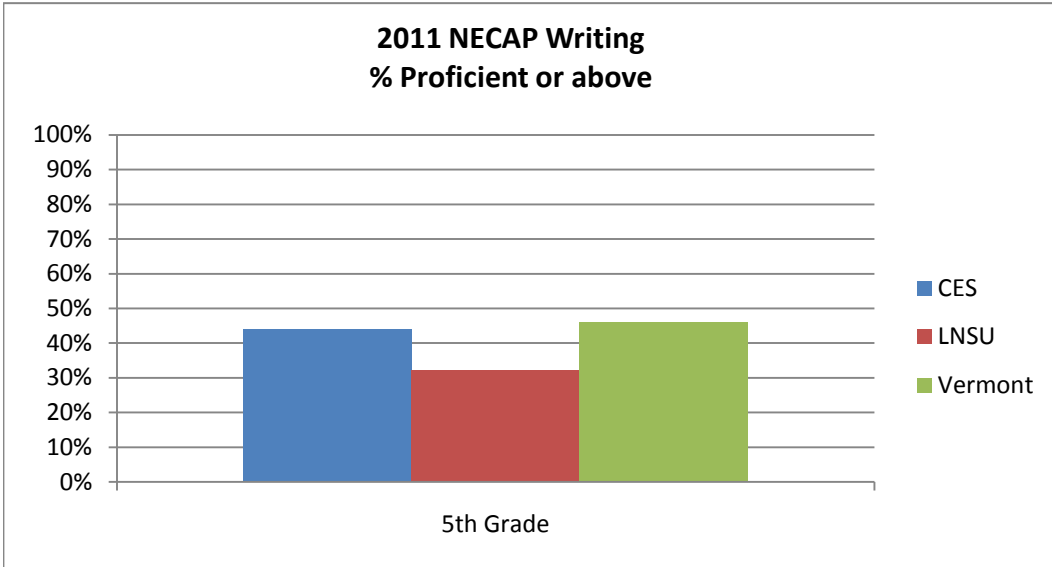
2011 NECAP Math - Proficient or above

	CES	LNSU	Vermont
3rd Grade	68%	66%	65%
4th Grade	68%	65%	69%
5th Grade	61%	56%	65%
6th Grade	70%	58%	67%
7th Grade	52%	48%	63%



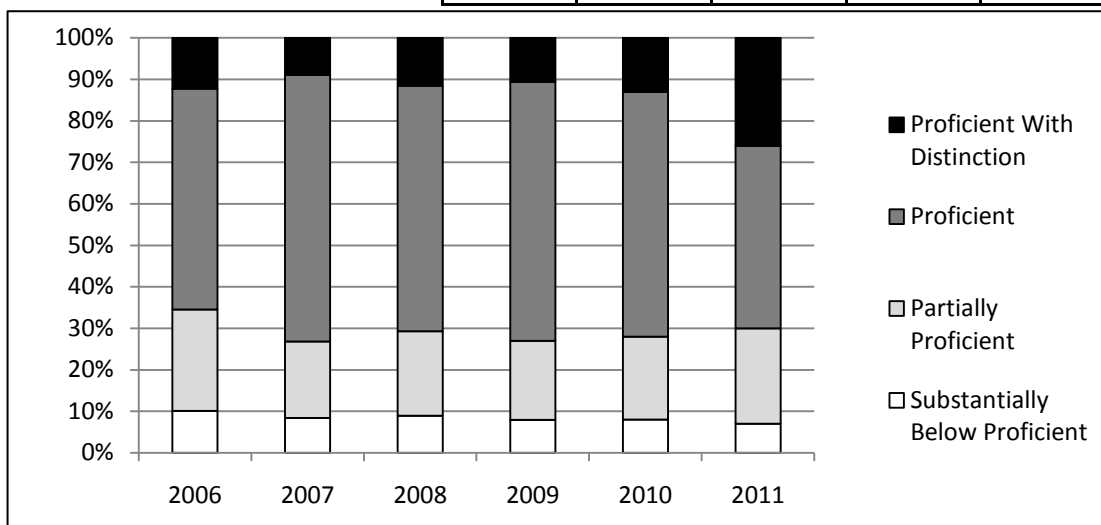
2011 NECAP Writing - Proficient or above

	CES	LNSU	Vermont
5th Grade	44%	32%	46%



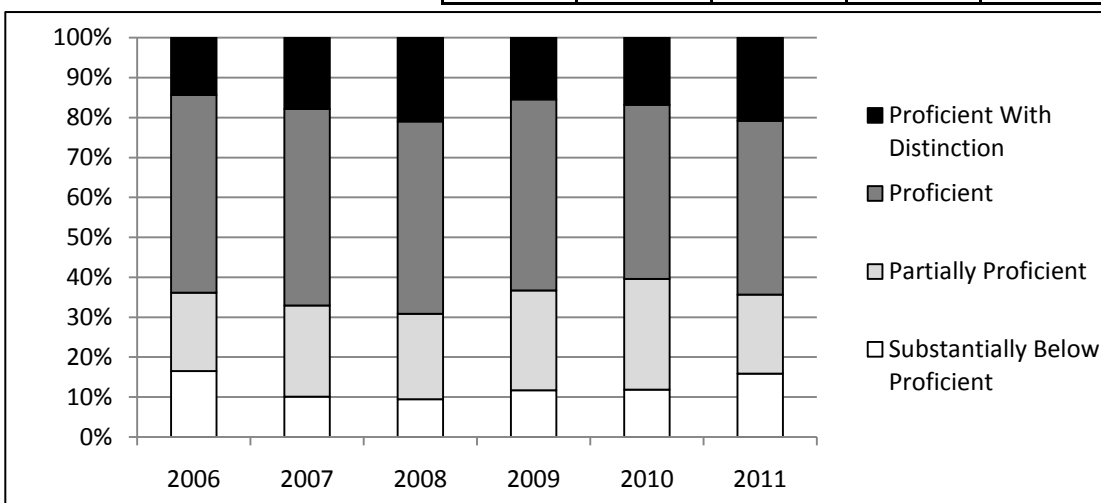
**Cambridge Elementary School
NECAP Reading
All Students**

Teaching Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of Students Tested	188	179	191	189	171	190
Proficient With Distinction	12%	9%	12%	11%	13%	26%
Proficient	53%	64%	59%	62%	59%	44%
Partially Proficient	24%	18%	20%	19%	20%	23%
Substantially Below Proficient	10%	8%	9%	8%	8%	7%
Total Proficient and Above	65%	73%	71%	73%	72%	70%
Total Below Proficient	35%	27%	29%	27%	28%	30%



**Cambridge Elementary School
NECAP Math
All Students**

Teaching Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of Students Tested	188	179	191	188	170	187
Proficient With Distinction	14%	18%	21%	15%	17%	21%
Proficient	49%	49%	48%	48%	44%	44%
Partially Proficient	20%	23%	21%	25%	28%	20%
Substantially Below Proficient	16%	10%	9%	12%	12%	16%
Total Proficient and Above	64%	67%	69%	63%	61%	65%
Total Below Proficient	36%	33%	31%	37%	39%	35%



Cambridge Afterschool Program Enrollment Process

CAP operates an after-school program and summer program therefore has two enrollment periods a year. Enrollment to the program is on a first come first serve basis with a consideration to currently/previously enrolled families. Enrollment will end when state capacity is reached (75) **OR** when staff to child ratios is reached (1:10). Any enrollment forms received after capacity and/or ratios are reached will be placed on a waiting list (see below for wait list rules). CAP will use family mailboxes by the sign out sheet as a uniform way for families to obtain enrollment forms, forms will not be mailed. Notice of enrollment to the public will be in CES newsletter and on Front Porch Forum (frontporchforum.com) only. Families must stop by program during operating hours to pick up enrollment forms.

It will be the family's responsibility to fill out and return these forms without reminders from the Executive Director of CAP.

The following requisite paperwork is needed for enrollment to our programs. Return enrollment forms directly to the Executive Director to guarantee they are received, CAP will not accept partial or unfinished paperwork.

- **Completed and Signed Payment Contract**
- **Completed and Signed Registration Form (2sided)**
- **Immunization Record – New child records due upon enrollment and every school year. Past child records due upon each afterschool enrollment. Updated records due when new vaccinations are given.**
- **Policy Agreement (last page of parent handbook)**

After-School Enrollment

- a. Enrollment for the upcoming afterschool program will be open on May 1st (or the first school day after May 1st if May 1st falls on a weekend) for families who were/are enrolled in the afterschool program. Families will fill out all requisite paperwork as outlined above and return with registration/deposit fee by the last day of school. Enrollment for current

- families will be handled on a first come first serve basis and until capacity **OR** child to staff ratios is reached.
- b. Enrollment forms will be placed in current parent mailboxes at CAP on May 1st and a table will also be set up next to the sign out area where enrollment forms will be available.
 - c. On the first day of summer vacation (To be determined) enrollment for the upcoming afterschool program will be open to the public for all and on a first come first serve basis and until capacity **OR** child to staff ratios is reached.

Summer Enrollment

- a. Enrollment for the summer program will be open on the first Wednesday in March (March 7th) after Winter Recess in February for families who were enrolled in the previous years summer program. All families will fill out all requisite paperwork as outlined above and return with registration/deposit fee by the last day of May.
- b. On April 7th (or the first school day after April 7th if April 7th falls on a weekend) (April 9th) enrollment for the summer program will open to the public on a first come first serve basis and until capacity **OR** child to staff ratios is reached

Waitlist Rules & Enrollment

- a. Maximum of twenty (20) children will be placed on the waitlist each enrollment period after capacity is reached.
- b. Afterschool Enrollment is open to waitlisted families on June 1st (or the first school day after June 1st if June 1st lands on a weekend) if space is available.
- c. Summer Enrollment is open to waitlisted families on March 26th (or the first school day after March 26th if March 26th falls on a weekend) if space is available.
- d. Being on the waitlist does not guarantee enrollment to the afterschool or summer program.